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Barbara Edwards, Deputy Director
Office of Ohio Health Plans
Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
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Dear Ms. Edwards:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Ohio's request to amend the PremierCare Program, CMS control number OH12-R01.M01. The amendment is effective January 1, 2004 and will implement the final State legislative budget actions that impact cost effectiveness and services. Approval of this request is in accordance with the requirements that the amendment will be cost effective, will not impair access to care and services of adequate quality, and will not restrict emergency services or family planning services.

I congratulate the State on past accomplishments under this waiver program and wish you and your staff continued success in the future. If you require additional information, you may contact Cynthia Garraway, of my staff, at (312) 353-8583.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cheryl A. Harris
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

cc: Mike Fiore, CMS Baltimore
Cynthia Burnell, Ohio Bureau of Managed Health Care